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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS-KOREA AT NON-ALLIGNED CONFERENCE

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1. MEETING OF CORE GROUP CHAIRED BY KOREAN AMBASSADOR YEON WAS HELD JULY 29 WITH GERMAN, JAPANESE AND U.S. AMBASSAMRS PRESENT ALONG WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM U.K., CANADA, BELGIUM AND NETHERLANDS EMBASSIES. AMBASSADOR YEON TABLED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

(1) STATEMENT OF GENERAL ELEMENTS OF THE CORE-GROUP POSITION ON KOREA, ESPECIALLY:

A. THE DESIRABILITY OF AVOIDING CONFRONTATION AT THE 31ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

B. THE NEED TO RESUME SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE

C. THE WILLINGNESS TO ABOLISH THE UNCOED NATIONS COMMAND IF ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO PRESERVE THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT.

(2) STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S POLITICAL INITIATIVE:

A. THE PROPOSAL PROVIDES REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE MEANS TO FIND A LASTING SOLUTION TO THE KOREAN REUNIFICATION.
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B. IT SUPPORTS THE CONCEPT THAT BOTH SIDES, INCLUDING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, WHICH REPRESENTS TWO-THIRDS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE, SHOULD BE REPRESENTED AT ANY CONFERENCE THAT CONSIDERS FUTURE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PENINSULA.

C. IT ENCOURAGES THE PARTIES CONCERNED TO CONCENTRATE ON REAL ISSUES AT STAKE, AND ENABLE THE UNITED NATIONS TO AVOID BECOMING EMBROILED IN ANOTHER STERILE DEBATE.

D. IT PROVIDES AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL ELEMENT TO LAST YEAR'S PROPOSAL IN SUGGESTING A TIME AND PLACE TO MEET ON ARRANGEMENTS FOR A CONFERENCE.

2. AMBASSADOR YEON EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF APPROACH TO GOK PRIOR TO DEPARTURE GOK DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN SRI LANKA AS ROK UNDERSTANDS NORTH KOREA INTENDS TO PRESENT ONE-SIDED DOCUMENT FOR NON-ALIGNED APPROVAL TO IN TURN BE PRESENTED TO UNGA. ROK ANXIOUS TO AVOID THIS ACTION. YEON UNDERSTANDS 20 NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES WILL SUPPORT ROK POSITION. YEON REPORTED HE HAD MET WITH MOFA PERMSEC KIBINGE JULY 28, WHO STATED GOK IS NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING KOREAN QUESTION DISCUSSED AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. GOK WOULD PROBABLY NOT SUPPORT ROK (OR NORTH KOREA) AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BUT GOK POSITION IS TO SUPPORT DIALOGUE BETWEEN SOUTH AND NORTH KOREAN GOVERNMENTS. YEON ASKED CORE COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES AT MEETING FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND SUGGESTIONS REGARDING ACTION TO TAKE WITH GOK.

3. I DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 SPEECH IN SUPPORT OF YEON'S STATEMENTS (PARA 1, ABOVE). I STATED TO YEON THAT IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL IF HE COULD SUPPLY ALL OR SOME NAMES OF 20 COUNTRIES HE INDICATED WOULD SUPPORT ROK. YEON DOES NOT HAVE NAMES BUT SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET THEM.

4. DECISION ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

(A) KOREAN AMBASSADOR YEON WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH FORMIN WAIYAKI PRIOR TO WAIYAKI'S DEPARTURE FOR SRI LANKA AND WILL PRESENT TO HIM TEXT OF STATEMENT
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(PARA 1, ABOVE) EMPHASIZING POINT 2.C. YEON WILL REFER TO CORE GROUP MEETING AND INDICATE SUPPORT BY COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT FOR ROK POSITION.

(B) JAPANESE AMBASSADOR OTA WILL SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH MOFA PERMSEC KIBINGE AND ORALLY MAKE SAME POINTS, INDICATING JAPANESE INTEREST AND SUPPORT.

(C) I AGREED, IN APPOINTMENT WHICH I EXPECT TO HAVE NEXT WEEK WITH WAIYAKI ON OTHER MATTERS, TO SUPPORT

YEON'S POSITION. I INTEND TO SAY TO WAIYAKI THAT ROKG
WOULD LIKE TO KEEP CONSIDERATION OF KOREAN ISSUE OUT OF
NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE AND SEEKS GOK SUPPORT IN ACHIEV-
ING THIS; THAT WE SUPPORT THIS POSITION. I WOULD LEAVE
WITH WAIYAKI COPY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S JULY 22 SPEECH
(A COPY HAS ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED TO MOFA BY EMBASSY).
I WOULD ALSO LEAVE AIDE MEMOIRE PER TEXT STATE 181798
AS AMENDED STATE 188804.

(D) OTHER CORE COUNTRIES' REPRESENTATIVES WILL
SEEK OUT INFLUENTIAL GOK MOFA OFFICIALS AND INFORMALLY
INDICATE THEIR SUPPORT OF ROK POSITION.
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